



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING
APRIL 19, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montano called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montano led the pledge of allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montano
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos
Frank S. Bacio
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Vito Cannella

Others Present

Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division
Audra Galang, Commission Services Division

APPROVAL OF APRIL 5, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Bacio and seconded by Commissioner Hammargren, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the minutes of April 5, 2006 with corrections as follows:

CHAIR'S REPORT OF APRIL 5, 2006

Chair Montano suggested the Commission request the Board of Supervisors provide funds to pay the cost of a driver and vehicle **six**

times a year so they can conduct camp inspections in Calabasas, Palmdale, Lancaster and **Malibu** areas.

CHAIR'S REPORT

1. SBC Commissioners are invited to the 37th Annual Los Angeles County Police Officers' Memorial Service, Sunday, May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Staff will copy and distribute invitations to Commissioners.
2. Commissioner Stathatos attended the funeral for Paul Higa at Santa Barbara Presbyterian Church. She estimates around eight hundred mourners came to pay respects to the late Higa, filling the church and its foyer completely. A reception on the church grounds followed the service, during which several present praised Higa's achievements, enduring modesty, and kindness. Mr. Higa is survived by his wife, son, and daughter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$712.00.

STAFF REPORT

Mr. Jim Corbett, Assistant Chief of Commission Services, reported the following:

1. He gave the adjournment scroll of late Paul Higa for the approval signature of Chair Montano. The scroll and the donation check will be mailed today to the Paul Higa Scholarship Fund.
2. Mr. Jim Corbett distributed the Commissioners' biographies with pictures for their approval. Commissioners' pictures were provided by the Photo Unit of Chief Administrative Office.
3. Ms. Jennifer Lehman, County Counsel for the Commission, requested to postpone the Closed Session on May 10, 2006 meeting due to conflict in her schedule.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Montano received an invitation from Sheriff Leroy Baca on their 37th Annual Los Angeles County Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony on May 3,

2006, 10:00 a.m. at Stars Center, Whittier, CA. She also received a letter dated April 5, 2006 from Sheriff Baca on fire turnout equipment sizes.

FACILITY/GROUP INSPECTION REPORTS

Green Home for Boys — 51 #1

Chair Montano and Commissioner Hammagren found the facility to be in very good condition, although they found an incomplete first aid kit and unclean pantry shelves. The kit has since been replaced, the shelves cleaned and repainted.

Lomita Sheriff's Station

Chair Montano inspected the site, which was in excellent condition except for cell 6, which needed a smoke detector.

San Dimas Sheriff's Station

Vice Chair Stathatos reported that the facility is brand-new, and received a feature article in a local paper entitled *Star News Weekly*. The building can also function as a disaster shelter, interagency meeting hall, and community center.

Dubnoff — 22 #1

Vice Chair Stathatos reported that this RCL 12 facility has six beds and is occupied by four boys, ages 15-17. Vice Chair Stathatos will return in about three months, when remodeling should be complete. The social worker was visiting at the time of inspection.

Pennsylvania House — 21 #3

Commissioner Moore reported that the facility has closed. Owners will reopen if they find children to house.

Dangerfield Group Home No. 3 — 24 #3

Commissioner Moore reported that the facility is at capacity with six young ladies, two of which are pregnant. The building structure was found to be satisfactory. The home will relocate sometime in the next three months. The main office had no staff records or fingerprinting and staff had not posted a current menu, house rules, or evacuation plans. Few educational materials were available to the young women, and one of the toilets had a broken cover. Commissioner Moore left a corrective action report, and will return to inspect the home once again on April 20, 2006.

Halenore Home — 104 #1

Commissioner Bacio reported that no one was present on-site, that the phone was disconnected, and that the home is most likely out of business.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Montano assigned the inspection duties to Commissioners for the following week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Theodora Parlanti spoke on training on nutrition for the army. She also announced upcoming nutrition classes at LA Trade Tech.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montano adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Corbett

Assistant Chief, Commission Services Division